

In the Claims:

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) Apparatus ~~(1)~~ for registering weight and/or water content of fit and sick individuals, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the apparatus ~~(1)~~ includes a measuring cell ~~(2)~~ including at least two electric conducting plates ~~(12)~~ on which is applied a voltage from a power supply, and that the at least two electric conducting plates ~~(12)~~ are disposed with mutually opposite faces and with adjustable spacing, so that an individual or a well-defined part of the individual may be placed between the at least two electric conducting plates ~~(12)~~, and a measuring unit ~~(11)~~ including means for registering the change in capacity between the at least two electric conducting plates ~~(12)~~ and means for converting the capacity change into a numerical number which is correlated with the weight and/or the water content of the individual.

2. (currently amended) Apparatus ~~(1)~~ according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the at least two electric conducting plates ~~(12)~~ are provided in a metal alloy, preferably copper.

3. (currently amended) Apparatus ~~(1)~~ according to ~~any of~~ ~~claims 1—2~~ claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein in immediate vicinity of the at least two electric plates ~~(12)~~ there is disposed a dispenser unit ~~(13)~~, preferably for dispensing water, feed and/or drugs.

4. (currently amended) Apparatus ~~(1)~~ according to ~~any of~~ ~~claims 1-3~~ claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein at least one of the at least two electric conducting plates ~~(12)~~ is coated on at least one surface with an electric non-conducting material, preferably plastic ~~(16)~~.

5. (currently amended) Apparatus ~~(1)~~ according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the means of the measuring unit ~~(11)~~ for registering the capacity change between the at least two electric conducting plates ~~(12)~~ of the measuring cell ~~(2)~~ is one or more of the following components: measuring bridge and/or potentiometric set-up.

6. (currently amended) Apparatus ~~(1)~~ according to ~~any of~~ ~~claims 1 or 5~~ claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the means of the measuring unit ~~(11)~~ for converting the signal from the measuring cell includes one or more of the following components: at least one signal amplifier ~~(4)~~, a voltage rectifier ~~(5)~~, a filter ~~(6)~~, a converter ~~(8)~~, an MCU-unit ~~(9)~~ with a data store and/or a display for displaying the numerical number.

7. (currently amended) Apparatus ~~(1)~~ according to ~~any of~~ ~~claims 1 or 5-6~~ claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the MCU-unit ~~(9)~~ of the measuring unit is coupled to a computer ~~(10)~~ for collecting the numerical numbers in a data collecting program.

8. (currently amended) Apparatus ~~(1)~~ according to ~~any of~~ ~~claims 1 or 5-7~~ claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the measuring unit ~~(11)~~ furthermore includes means for recognition of

the individual disposed between the at least two electric conducting plates (12).

9. (currently amended) Apparatus (1) according to ~~any of~~ ~~claims 1—8~~ claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the computer (10) controls dispensing of water, feed and/or drugs in the dispensing unit on the basis of indication of a single individual and the registered weight.

10. (currently amended) Apparatus (1) according to ~~any of~~ ~~claims 1—9~~ claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the measuring unit (11) is provided on an add-on board for internal disposition in a computer (10), where one or more measuring units (11) are replaceably coupled to the add-on board.

11. (currently amended) Apparatus (1) according to ~~any of~~ ~~claims 1—10~~ claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the apparatus (1) furthermore includes an external weight unit.